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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 02/09/2006.2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-14 and 16-30.3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).a)  All b)  Some\* c)  None of the:1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
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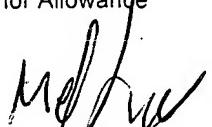
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## Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
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4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
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5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
**MELVIN JONES**  
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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

#### **The application has been amended as follows:**

In claim 16, line , the number "15" was deleted and the number -- 8 -- was so claim 16 now depends from claim #8 and not canceled claim #15.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

**Claims 2-14 & 16-30 are allowed over the prior art of record.**

#### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melvin Jones whose telephone number is (571)272-4810. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Wednesday & Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on (571) 272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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